

9 July 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Meeting held at 10:30, 7 July 1958, Main Treasury Building

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Entry of Various Vessels into U. S. Ports Under the Port Security Program

REFERENCE: Memorandum of 22 May 1958 on above subject

Participants: A Gilmore Flues, Ass't Secretary of Treasury  
Rear Admiral J. A. Hirschfield, Ass't Commandant, USCG  
Captain G. R. Walsh, Aide to the Assistant Secretary  
Nyles J. Ambrose, Ass't to the Secretary for Law Enforcement  
James P. Hendrick, Ass't to the Secretary  
Matthew Marks, Treasury  
Rear Admiral Robert J. Stroh, DOD--Navy  
Edmond J. Dornz, SCA--State  
John A. Armitage, EE--State  
Vladimir Johnson, EE--State

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1. Polish Yacht Josef Conrad

Mr. Johnson, State, reported that the 45-foot yacht Josef Conrad owned by a Polish university group was planning on visiting the U. S. in September 1958 in connection with a celebration at Jamestown commemorating the first Polish immigrant to this country. The vessel would be departing Gdynia 10 July 1958, and should arrive off our shores about 1 September 1958. The Poles wish to berth somewhere in the vicinity of Jamestown from approximately 1 September to the date of the celebration. The State Department requested that security search and surveillance procedures be reduced to a minimum in view of the nature of the visit and that the Coast Guard designate the area in which the yacht would be berthed from the first of September to the middle of the month. It was decided that the Coast Guard would meet the yacht at the entrance of Hampton Roads, board her for the purposes of welcoming her and providing pilotage to Norfolk where she would be berthed and would conduct the necessary search as she proceeded to her berth. Mr. Johnson said that after the celebration, due to the possibility of bad weather, the yacht would be laid up in the U. S. until the following Spring at which time it would be returned to Poland.

2. Russian R/V Vityaz

The entry of this vessel into the ports of San Francisco and Honolulu during the months of November and December 1958 was discussed in the referenced memorandum. In the interim this matter had been

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discussed by ICIS and it was stated at today's meeting that ICIS approved this entry subject to on shore and off shore surveillance of the vessel during her stay. The DOD representative said that subject to this procedure his Department approved the entry. As no other member dissented it was determined that entry would be permitted.

3. Liberian Flag Vessel SS Olympia

The proposed January 1959 cruise of this Greek vessel sailing under the Liberian flag was discussed in referenced memorandum. Coast Guard reported that the vessel would be considered as a Category C vessel and as such would be subject to the less intensive board and search procedures prescribed for such vessels. The State Department representative said that he would report this decision to his Department and in view of the VIP's include/among the passengers his Department may desire to appeal this decision to higher authority for the purpose of eliminating some or all of the security measures.

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